

T-782
Charles Henry Thomas House
Bellevue
Private

c. 1900

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: CHARLES HENRY THOMAS HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: T-782

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL / URBAN DOMINANCE
1870 - 1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic CHARLES HENRY THOMAS HOUSE

and/or common MORRIS THOMAS HOUSE

2. Location

street & number Gates Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town Bellevue ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Morris A. Thomas

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Royal Oak state and zip code MD 21662

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio

city, town Easton state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Charles Henry Thomas house, known commonly as the Morris Thomas house, stands on the north side of Gates Street in the center of Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces southeast with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Built during the early twentieth century by Charles Henry Thomas, this two-story, three-bay frame house is supported on a low masonry foundation, and it is covered with a layer of asphalt siding over weatherboards. The medium pitched roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Extending to the north is a two-story, two-bay rear wing.

The southeast (main) facade is an asymmetrical elevation with an off-center entrance and flanking single-pane sash windows. A shed roofed porch covers the entrance and the west end window. Lighting the second floor are two single-pane sash windows. The eaves to the roof are slightly extended with sloped soffits.

The northeast gable end is a blind wall with an interior end brick stack protruding through the roof. Another interior end stack rises through the west gable end as well.

Covering the north side of the main house is a two-story, two-bay rear kitchen wing with a side entrance on the east wall flanked by a single-pane sash window. The second floor is lighted by a single window. An interior end stack rises through the roof. The west side of the kitchen wing is partially covered by a shed roofed addition fixed within the rear ell formed by the kitchen wing.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Private consultant/Talbot County date 6/15/90

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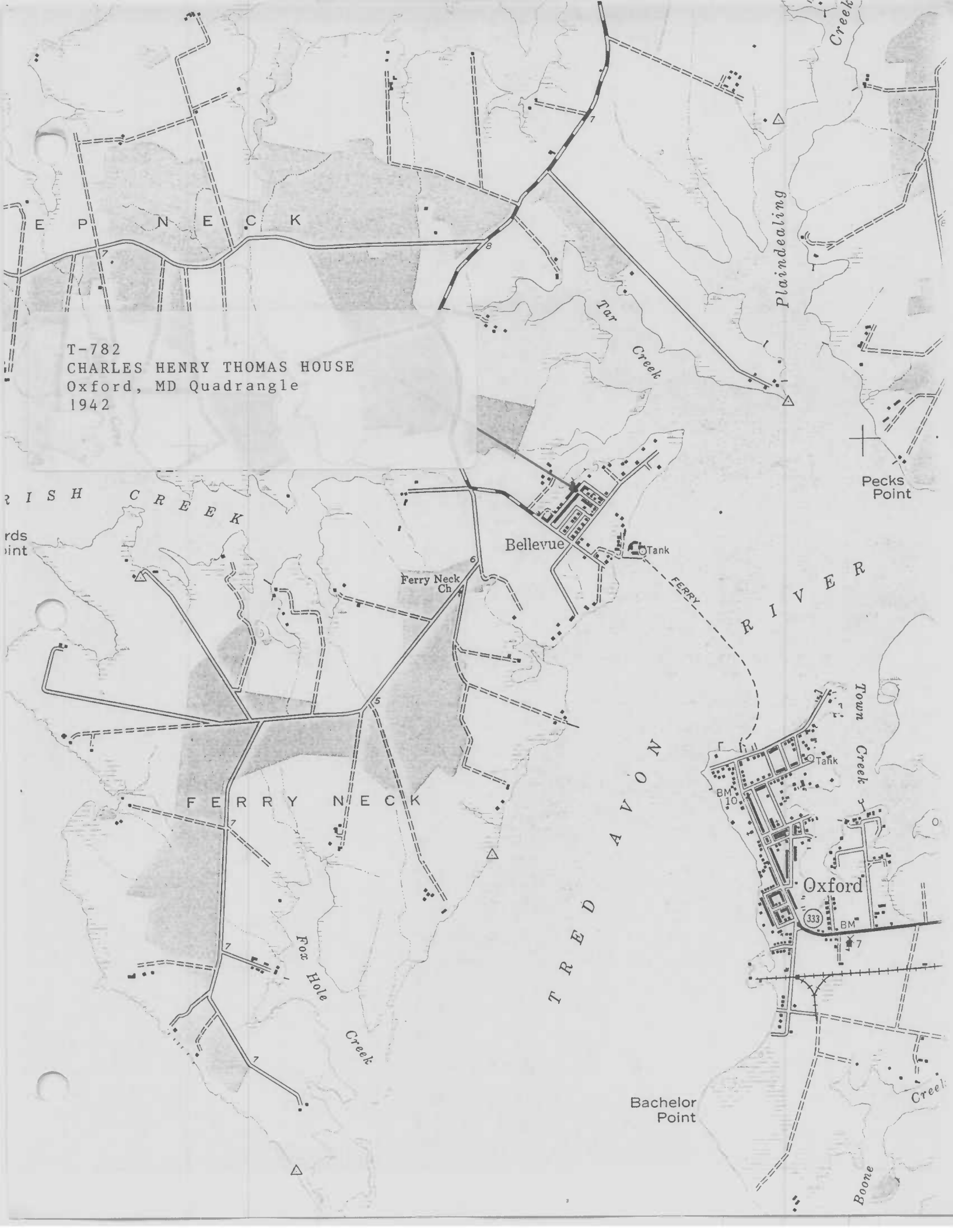
city or town Westover state MD 21871

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CHARLES HENRY THOMAS HOUSE
Oxford, MD Quadrangle
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Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland

Southeast elevation

5/90, Paul Touart, photographer

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